Complaints lodged by the Indian National Congress with the Election Commission for alleged rigging in the recent Lok Sabha elections

327. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND J UST1CE be pleased to state the number ' of complaints lodged by the Indian National Congress with the Election Commission for alleged rigging in the recent Lok Sabha' elections_ and the action taken by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE' OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Election Commission. has informed that the data on complaints are not maintained or arranged party-wise. However, it would appear from a scrutiny of the re-. cords that about 227 complaints had been made either by the Indian National Congress cr by. candidates/others belonging to that party. It is not *prima facie*_ for the Government to take action on such complaints. The Election Commission had looked into these. complaints 2nd had taken several appropriate remedial measures like on-the-spot enquiry,; re-poll, immediate action by Chief Electoral Officers|District Election Officers, referring the matter to the Observers of the Commission etc.

- Morarka Committee recommendations for restructuring of Life Insurance Corporation

328. SHRI -ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the. Minister of. FINANCE, be pleased to state:

(a), whether Government have imple- ■ mented the recommendations of the Mor arka Committee appointed ta 1968-69 for restructuring of the Life Insurance Cor poration; .

(b) if so which of these recommenda-I tions have been implemented so far; and (c) what are the details of the recommendations which have not heen implemented and what are the reasons there-' for?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No. recommendation was made by Morarka Committee on restructuring of Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Review of Textile Policy

329. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP-SINGH:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Wiil- the Minister of TEXTILES be ' pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to re-[r]view the present textile) policy with a view to recasting the same; and

(b) if so, what are the details in. this -regard?

THE. MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCES-SING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD.. YADAV): (a) and (b; The Government have set up a Committee under the. Chairmanship of Shri Abid Hussain to review the progress cf implementation of the June, 1985 -Textile Policy and to assess its impact on different sectors of the textile economy. A review of the Textile Policy would be undertaken after receipt Of the report of the Committee, whose term is upto 31st December 1989.

Negotiations for setting Charter of Demands of L. I. G. Employees

330. SHRI ASHOK NATH. VERMA: . Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a). whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation has recently changed its policy to hold negotiations with their employees in settling their charter of demands;

(b) whether the demands made by th© LIC employees in their charter of de mand in 1977 were prolonged till April, 1985;

•(C) whether the negotiations which started from 8th January, 1988 for the revision of pay scales of LIC employees have concluded; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken for settling the demands as expeditiously as was done in 1970 and 1974?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. ' MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Several rounds of talks were held on the charter of demands submitted by the employees' unions in 1977. They failed in 1980. Fresh demands -were rais- ■ ed by the unions in 1983-84 and the pay scales and other benefits of Clerical & Supervisory and Subordinate employees of LIC were revised by a Notification issued by the Government en 11-4-1985.

(c) Several rounds of talks were held with employees' unions for further revi sion of pay scales and other benefits in 1988 and 1989 and the revision has been notified by the Government on 12-5-1989 giving effect to the revision from 1-8-1987.

(d) Does not arise.

Review of collaboration arrangements with Pepsi Cola

331. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA;
SHRI- SURENDRA SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the collaboration arrangements with foreign companies engaged in soft drinks, particularly Pepsi Cola;

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor and

(c) what is Govenment's policy in regard to foreign collaboration in food, processing industries?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):. (a) and (to) No decision in this regard has been taken at present.

(c) No separate policy has been laid down for 'foreign collaboration in Food Processing Industries. Each proposal for foreign collaboration in the field of processed food industries is considered on its merits. New food processing industries in backward areas of the country

332'. SHRI E. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the new measures being considered by Government to have new food processing industries in the country, especially in backward areas, to provide employment opportunities to the unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD
YADAV): Various incentives are being given for the development of small scale industries included food processiag in dustries in the rural and backward areas. Government have established the Minis try of Food Processing Industries whose objectives include development of a net work of processing units in the rural areas which would create' increased job opportunities 'for the unemployed. '

Irrigation Projects pending clearance

333. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to. state:,

(a) what are the details of irrigation projects which are still pending with the Central Government for clearance'; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give early clearance to these' projects?